

Amendments to the Claims:

This Listing of Claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1 - 11. (Cancelled).

12. (Previously Presented) A handheld electric part handling device comprising:

a pair of first and second legs respectively provided, at their free ends, with contact pieces for holding the part therebetween; at least the first leg being movable toward and away from the second leg to close and open the legs;

a biasing member for biasing the first leg in a first direction to open the legs, and in a second direction to close the legs;

a switching member for switching the biasing direction of the biasing member between the first and second directions; and

a manipulation member manipulated to open or close the legs against the biasing force of the biasing member, the manipulation member having a first portion manipulated against the biasing force in the first direction, and a second portion manipulated against the biasing force in the second direction.

13. (Previously Presented) The handheld electric part handling device according to Claim 12, further comprising a housing on which the second leg is fixed, and a movable sleeve movable relative to the housing and for holding the first leg, and wherein the movable sleeve is pivotally supported on a shaft to pivot around the shaft, the switching member includes a switching lever pivotally supported on the housing to swing between a first position and a second position, and the biasing member includes an elastic member extended between the switching lever and the movable sleeve to bias the movable sleeve in the first direction when the switching member is at the first position, and in the second direction when the switching member is at the second position.

14. (Previously Presented) The handheld electric part handling device according to Claim 13, wherein the elastic member includes a tension coil spring connected to the switching lever at

a first connecting point and to the movable sleeve at a second connecting point and arranged such that the first connecting point is on one side of an imaginary line passing through the second connecting point and an axis of the shaft when the switching lever is at the first position, and that the first connecting point is on the other side of the imaginary line when the switching lever is at the second position.

15 - 35. (Cancelled).

36. (Previously presented) The handheld electric part handling device according to Claim 12, wherein said first leg is capable of providing power to heat generating member near its contact piece and said second leg is capable of providing power to heat generating member near its contact piece, and the handheld electric part handling device further comprises a housing having a first sleeve and a second sleeve adapted to receive the first leg and the second leg respectively, where the first sleeve is adapted to pivot with respect to the second sleeve and is to be biased in a first bias direction and a second bias direction, wherein the first bias direction the first and second sleeves are biased away from each other, wherein in the second bias direction the first and second sleeves are biased towards each other.

37. (Previously presented) The handheld electric part handling device according to Claim 36, wherein the switching member includes a lever adapted to move between a first position and a second position, where in the first position the first sleeve is biased in the first bias direction, and in the second position the first sleeve is biased in the second bias direction.

38. (Previously presented) The handheld electric part handling device according to Claim 36, wherein the first sleeve has a first recess and a second recess, where the first sleeve pivots about a pivot point that is between the first and second recesses such that operation on the first recess causes the first and second sleeve to close and operation on the second recess causes the first and second sleeve to open.

39. (Previously presented) The handheld electric part handling device according to Claim 36, wherein the second sleeve is fixed within the housing.

40. (Previously presented) The handheld electric part handling device according to Claim 36, wherein when the first and second sleeves are closed so that the contact pieces of the first and second legs touch each other, the included angle of the first and second legs is between 10° and 14° .

41. (Previously presented) The handheld electric part handling device according to Claim 40, wherein the included angle is 12° .